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1925 Oklahoma Highway Map for Tourists

Norman's Bid for the Ozark Trail

We need better roads!

In the years following Oklahoma's statehood, improvements in gas internal combustion engines, as well as mass production of automobiles, caused citizens and governmental bodies to see the need for improved roads.

Historian Edna M. Couch recalled some of these early efforts in her private writing.

Our father hitched Buck and Walker to the farm wagon and about noon May 11, 1916 we drove toward Luther. Papa and Mama in the spring seat of the wagon and we children in the back sitting on hay covered with a quilt.

"We were on our way to Luther for a meeting promoting good roads, especially the Ozark Trail which various little towns in Oklahoma County hoped would come through their town.

This was the beginning of what became the Historic Route 66. While papa attended the meeting, we visited Uncle Albert Couch and family. On the way home that night we children slept on the quilt in the back.

Six months later, *The Daily Transcript* boosted Norman's bid to be included on the Ozark Trail on the front page of its November 20, 1916 edition.

Norman should be one of the principal points on this Ozark Trail between the East and West, and our boosters are now in Oklahoma City with a determination to bring it this way if possible. The best bridge across the South Canadian is located just west of Norman, giving a direct outlet to Chickasha, Lawton and other points in the west. The "Trail" should come from Oklahoma City via the cemetery road, and swing through Norman on Main street, and southwest via University Boulevard and the University. It would be a splendid route, and every effort should be made by the Chickasha and Lawton people to co-operate with the Normanites to get it this way.

Earlier, a large advertisement had appeared in the *Transcript* urging Norman citizens to support the effort to bring the Ozark Trail through Norman.

Boost for NORMAN!

Attend the Ozark Trail Convention in Oklahoma City on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **Big Parade, Monday**

The "Ozark Trail" has not been definitely located and it behooves Norman to send a big delegation to the convention to bring the Trail down this way. We have the only bridge available, and everything points to the project coming this way. Let us send a big delegation of boosters.

Every Cleveland county Owner of an automobile should go to take part in the big parade Monday morning, November 20th.

Mayor L. C. Lindsay has appointed the following delegates and boosters, and wants them all to go, and as many more as can possibly do so. Claude Pickard, C. A. Richards, Thos. Vincent, L. L. McComb, M. F. McFarland, W. H. Newblock, J. B. Dudley, A. McDaniel, Clyde Pickard, S. D. Brooks, Tom F. Carey, Arthur Williams, Phil Kidd,— Lawrence, >

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Anybody else that can go is hereby duly appointed.

Edna Couch's files include a yellowed clipping from the Monday, Nov. 21, 1966, issue of the Daily Oklahoman.

50 years Ago — Exceeding all advanced predictions made by Ozark Trail boosters, delegates were pouring into Oklahoma City. Variously estimated from 2000 to 3000 out of town automobiles with 500 local machines, paraded the principle streets of the city. The organization was formed for the purpose of furthering the interest and financial interests of a proposed highway across the state to be named the Ozark Trail.

Before the National highways existed, it appears that many areas promoted a network of locally maintained roads and highways to facilitate travel and commerce. The Oklahoma Constitution provided for a state highway department, but funds were minimal until at least 1914.

In 1913, William Hope Harvey, a resident of Rogers, Arkansas, proposed a regional network of highways branching out from his home town. By 1916, his idea had been expanded to a primarily east-west highway to connect St. Louis, Missouri to Las Vegas, New Mexico.

During this period, there were many different Trail Associations promoting regional road networks in the various states. Each Association marked their highways with a unique color scheme, usually primary colors, painted on telephone poles, barns, or anything else that could be painted. Sometimes a given road might be part of two or more trails, leading to some confusion about the route.

The Ozark Trail Association used a green and white color scheme. The letters "O T" were painted in green on a white background, between two green stripes.

Many Trail Associations also tried to implement more permanent markers. In 1919 the Ozark Trail began erecting tall tapered concrete shafts, standing on a square base, illuminated with five lights. On the sides of the shaft were painted the names and distances to towns along the Trail.

Two of these markers survive in Oklahoma. The shaft at Stroud is listed in the National Register, although it has been moved from its original location and is now covered with graffitti. Another, at Langston, stands in the original location, but is missing the lights and the original green and white paint scheme.

Oklahoma became one of several states who began asking the Federal government to help pay for roadway improvements. In 1914 Oklahoma submitted a proposed 2400-mile highway system to Congress for federal aid. The highways on this list became the foundation for Oklahoma's federal highway system.

1914 also saw passage of the Federal Aid Road Act, which allowed states to build roads and bridges with federal funds. Oklahoma's first Federal Aid project was construction of the Newcastle bridge over the South Canadian River in far northwest Cleveland County.

Seven thousand delegates attended the 1916 convention of the Ozark Trails Association in Oklahoma City. Three different routes through Oklahoma were proposed. Cyrus Avery, then a Tulsa County Commissioner, favored the Northern route because it linked to the National Old Trails Road at Romerville (Las Vegas), New Mexico. This route was eventually selected at the 1917 convention in Amarillo.

The legislature provided additional funds for maintaining a highway system in 1924. Maintenance of highways was assigned to the

Highway Commission. Bowing to federal guidelines, the state adopted a numerical system of uniform signing to replace the assorted Trail markings. The Ozark Trail would disappear into history, and Highway 66 would soon take its place.

By 1925 Oklahoma had 5,156 miles in its highway system, of which 374 miles were paved. Also in 1925, the first Oklahoma state highway tourist map was printed.

In November, 1926, the east-west highway across Oklahoma was designated National Highway 66. The original designation was that it would run from the Texas state line near Texola, via Sayre, Clinton, Geary, El Reno, Oklahoma City, Edmond, Chandler, Bristow, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Claremore, Vinita, and Miami to the Kansas state line at Baxter Springs. Signing for Highway 66 was erected in 1927.

U.S. Highway 66, one of the original U.S. Highways, was not completely paved until 1938. It became the "Mother Road" during the 1930s, when so many Oklahomans went to California to escape the Dust Bowl. Winding through the small towns of America, it spawned the growth of mom-andpop businesses—gas stations, garages, eating places, tourist camps or cabins-beside the road to serve the needs of travelers.

The demise of Highway 66 began in 1953, with adoption of the Interstate Highway System. Oklahoma led the way in bypassing Highway 66, building the 88-mile Turner Turnpike from Oklahoma City to Tulsa in 1953 and the Will Rogers Turnpike from Tulsa to the Oklahoma-Missouri border in 1957.

The designation of Highway 66 as a National Highway was removed in 1985. Remnants of the road exist across Oklahoma, and the nowdesignated State Highway 66 serves as an alternate free route near the Oklahoma turnpikes.

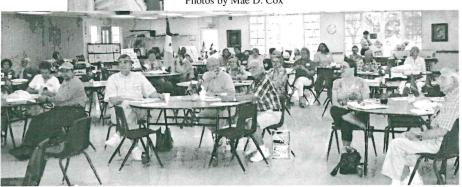
And it all started with the Ozark Trail.

2007 CCGS Summer Sen

Our annual summer seminar brought out 40 researchers on a typically hot, Oklahoma summer day — July 28th. Jo Mustoe, CCGS president welcomed guests, followed by seminar chair, Sarah Pool, who outlined the day's schedule. Speakers were William Welge, Director, Research Division, Oklahoma

Historical Society, and Laura Martin, Director of the Library and Public Services, Oklahoma History Center. Lunch was served, and the event culminated with door prizes being awarded.

Top left: Sarah Pool; Middle: William Welge Photos by Mae D. Cox



Photos Being Sought

Early-Day Schools: We're putting together a report on old Cleveland County rural schools and would like to include photos of these early-day structures.

If you have photos from the late 1890s or early 1900s, would you let us scan them?

Early-Day rural Churches: We're also searching for photos of those many little rural churches of the 1890s and early 1900s.

Places and Things: CCGS is interested in any old photos of places or things that would show what our county was like back in the good-old-days of Oklahoma Territory or early-statehood.

New Books

The 1870 Census of Harris County Texas

1879 Tax List, Farmingdale, Maine American Marriage Records Before 1699

And Gladly Teach: Reminiscence of Teachers from Frontier Dugout to Modern Module

Biographical Directory of the Governors of the United States, 1789-1978

Births, Marriages, Death Notices from the Brockville [Ontario] Papers, 1830-1849

Births, Marriages, Death Notices from the Brockville [Ontario] Papers, 1850-1868

Bud's and Bee's: Two Saints and How Many Sinners

Directory of Oklahoma, 1987-88 Don't Cry "Timber!"

The Episcopal Church in Texas

The First Century of Scottish Rite Masonry in Texas, 1867-1967

The First Ladies

French Huguenots in America From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History

The Gruner Heritage: A Family History and Genealogy

Guide to Manuscripts in the Western History Collections of the University of Oklahoma

Index to Probate Cases in Texas: No. 32, Camp County, Nov. 4, 1871 to Jan. 9, 1939

Jamestowne Ancestors 1607-1699: Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Landing at James Towne, 1607-2007

Johnson County, Arkansas Roster of Mexican War Soldiers

Marriages 1753-1856, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

The New York Public Library Book of How and Where to Look It Up

One Hundred Years of Progress: Panorama of the Past, 1856-1956

Portrait of an American Family: The Shippens of Pennsylvania

Register of Graduates and Former Cadets of the United States Military Academy

In the Library



Tennessee Cousins: A History of Tennessee People Tennessee Genealogical Research

Tracing Your Family History: A Student's Handbook

Twin Territories Times: The Way It Was in Old Oklahoma

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Wide River, Wide Land

"You Know We Belong to the Land": The Centennial History of Oklahoma

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Computer Tip

From the April issue of Good Housekeeping magazine comes this tip for making the Google web site work for you. When you are trying to make your printer (or some other peripheral) work, and get a strange error message on the screen, go to Google.

Type in the error message phrase (in quotation marks), along with the brand name of your hardware. Often Google will bring up a useful tip for correcting the problem, or for working around it.

With Google's help, you can possibly save the frustration of annoying repair issues or even the cost of a new machine.

A Job Well Done!

Evelyn Parker, our indefatigable Chairman of Research and Publications, has recently relinquished that responsibility.

By the time Evelyn retired in December 1992, her late husband, Charles Parker, had been a CCGS member for several years and was volunteering in our library.

Although Evelyn professed no interest in genealogy, she wanted to help the Society in some way. Olier Valliere

recruited her to answer queries. Until a couple of years ago, she researched and answered all queries received by the Society. Over 400 researchers benefitted from her diligent research skills. Her query research, with a surname index, is available for use by current researchers.

In 1994 the Society received from the Oklahoma State Archives 183 boxes of original Cleveland County court clerk records. Evelyn and Charles offered their barn for storage. While these materials were close at hand, Evelyn spent countless hours creating indexes to these records, including marriage and divorce indexes. These records were brought to the CSBI Building two years ago as Evelyn prepared to move to town.

Evelyn single-handedly produced, stored, and sold our CCGS publications for many years. She also vended our publications at our annual seminar, as well as those held by other Oklahoma societies.

Evelyn followed up on earlier cemetery canvasses, periodically bringing county cemetery indexes up to date. Among the cemeteries she canvassed are Norman's IOOF, the Noble IOOF, Moore and Lexington cemeteries.

Evelyn faithfully clipped obituaries, weddings, and anniversaries from the Norman Transcript, organized them in scrap-books, and indexed each volume. She plans to continue this activity until another volunteer steps up.

Evelyn Parker often generated publicity for the Cleveland County Genealogical Society. A prime example is her search for the grave of Woody Guthrie's mother, who died while a patient at the mental hospital in Norman. Evelyn followed up with the family to see that Nora Belle Guthrie received a memorial service and grave marker.

After discovering electronic indexing of cemeteries while searching for a relative's grave in Colorado, Evelyn couldn't rest until she brought the idea back to Oklahoma. The Noble IOOF Cemetery now provides an electronic index. Denver Cemetery, also in Cleveland County, has a basic model. It is clear that Evelyn Parker's efforts have benefitted CCGS in many ways, and it will be hard to replace such a prolific volunteer.

Thank you, Evelyn, for your many contributions to the Society.

Grab them while you can at these low prices!

At right are some of the index books Evelyn authored, printed, and donated to CCGS. The prices will be increased as supplies run out...plus our Web site already shows a price increase! Funeral Home and other index books are also available.

Please add postage to your order:

For each book \$1.00 to \$10.00, add	\$3.00
For each book \$10.01 to \$20.00, add	\$4.50
For each book \$20.01 to \$30.00, add	\$6.00
For each book over \$30.00, add	\$7.50



Cleveland County, Oklahoma				
Cemetery Index Books		\$ Cost		
Combined Surname Index	81	\$15.00		
Banner Cemetery	6	1.50		
Bethel Cemetery	6	1.50		
Blackburn Cemetery (Franklin)	24	5.00		
Box Cemetery	8	2.00		
Chappel Hill Cemetery (Cropper	11	2.50		
Corbett Cemetery	7	1.50		
Denver Cemetery	19	5.00		
Dripping Springs Cemetery	7	1.50		
Emmanuel Hebrew Cemetery	12	2.50		
Fairview-Robinson Cemetery	7	1.50		
Fairview-Maguire Cemetery	33	7.50		
Falls Cemetery	9	2.00		
Ford Cemetery (Pleasant Grove	6	1.50		
Friendship Cemetery	1 8	2.00		
Holsenbake (Denton, Elsimont)	5	1.50		
Independence Cemetery	9	2.00		
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Lilac Hill Cemetery	8	2.00		
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Maguire - Fairview Cemetery	33	1		
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Combined Cemeteries*	10	2.50		
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President's Report, Jo Mustoe In recent years, the total numbers for the CCGS Annual Budget have been written in red ink. This has never been our goal or our plan.

We have been struggling for several years to manage housing for our library and our archived materials without any financial assistance from the city, the county, the public library, or a similar funding agency.

At the present time, we are anxious to see progress on a city project to promote a new facility for the Norman Public Library, which may include space for our materials. We would look forward to such a possibility. It would make our library collection easier to find, as well as available to the public more hours weekly — a long wished-for advantage. And of course, being housed in a public facility would provide budget relief.

In the meantime, we do have a financial cushion to draw on, thanks to a generous gift from the Charles Standley estate several years ago. It has never been our intention to spend this fund. We prefer to have it available for furnishing a suitable facility, or simply to remain as a financial cushion.

The bottom line of our budget for the last few years is a good indication that we are getting closer to our goal of finishing the budget year in the black. In fact, this may very well be possible next year, with a little extra effort from everyone.

In the new fiscal year, we expect to reduce the materials in our archives to those which are specifically useful for family research. This measure would reduce our need for space and therefore reduce our rent.

We also will be planning additional workshops and fund raising activities, with the expectation of adding to the treasury.

Officer's Annual Reports

And we will be looking for ways to add to our membership. The several categories of membership are an important way in which we welcome support for our efforts. It is one way in which anyone can help.

In addition to these efforts, we plan to complete at least one grant request for additional funding. It is my personal goal to be able to write the final budget totals for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 in the black.

Treasurer's Report, Jimmy Baker Balance at beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 2006

Checking Account	\$43,543.97
CDs & Bond	\$22,015.22
TOTAL	\$65,559.19

Balance as of Annual Meeting, June 19, 2007

Checking Account	\$19,075.40
CDs & Bond	\$43,630.99
TOTAL	\$62,706.39

The budget adopted for the 2007/ 2008 fiscal year is \$16,375.00

First Vice-President

(Program Committee) Ralph Wilson, Chair

The previous Program Chairman did a wonderful job and arranged for speakers for the first three meetings of my term.

September's meeting is a social affair. We all had a good time telling about what research we did over the summer.

In October David Lollis told of his experience recording oral history. Fred Dittmar suggested new ways to look at how we conduct our research at the November meeting.

At the December meeting, our annual Christmas party, each person present told about their most memorable Christmas present.

The January meeting was canceled because of icy roads. In February Ralph Wilson filled in for the scheduled speaker, who was unable to attend. Ralph came dressed in early American woodsman costume, with his two muzzle loading guns and explained the reason or purpose of each item in his costume and weapons.

In March, Philip Mosely, member of the Cotton Belt Historical Society of Guthrie, presented an interesting program about early railroads and trains and the part they played in the development of our nation. The April meeting featured Oklahoma History Center director Dan Provo, who described the ongoing archaeology research of the Red River steamboat shipwreck.

The Society was invited by the Primrose Funeral Service to meet in their new meeting room in May. Jeremy Sparks, General Manager, presented information relating to identity theft.

Second Vice-President

(Education) Sarah Pool, Chair Cleveland County Genealogical Society's 2007 Summer Seminar will be held Saturday, July 28 at the Brand Center, 501 East Main Street, Moore. We expect 75-100 people to attend the lectures presented by William Welge and Laura Martin from the Oklahoma History Center.

Mr. Welge's topics will be migration trails, the various census records, and land records in the Twin Territories and the state of Oklahoma. Mrs. Martin will outline the research materials available at the Oklahoma History Center for researchers interested in other states as well as Oklahoma.

Education committee members include Jo Mustoe, Betty Hall, and Evanna Esadooah.

Committee Reports

Calling Committee

Sherri Stansel, Chair

Every year the list of individuals being telephoned has dwindled down. Now there are only a few names for each committee member to contact via phone. Most members (fifty-five) receive information regarding CCGS meetings and events via e-mail. I send these via group e-mailings.

Calling committee members include Joy Foster, Marie Keeling, Betty Hall, Elizabeth Loeffelholz, Jean McCracken, and Marilyn Roberts.

Computer and Network Committee

Sharron Owens, Chair

We are very fortunate that there has been no expense for repairs on our computer system this past year.

Library Committee

Mary Lewis, Chair

The CCGS Library Committee met five times this past year.

Twelve items were selected for purchase with memorial funds. Memorial books were dedicated to Bill Brown, Don Burgess, Harry Fierbaugh, Bill Lewis, William Upchurch, Olier Valliere, Lonnie Williams, and L. C. Young.

The committee refined its criteria for retention of duplicate items before sorting 148 books that have been stored in the Archives. Of these, 40 were selected to add to the CCGS collection, 32 to hold as back-up for out-of-print local titles, and 59 were selected to price and offer for sale at the Summer Seminar.

Cataloging of books and materials continued during the year. Two hundred sixty-six books, 25 journal titles, 27 computer disks, and five microfilm were added to our collection. Volunteers who have assisted with processing and shelving materials include Beth Bulmer, Linda Oliver, and Gail Whitten.

Library Committee members are Nova Hornback, Betty Kemp, Jean McCracken, Jo Mustoe, and Mary Sue Schnell.

Newsletter Committee

Mary Lewis, Chair

Four issues of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Newsletter were published in the past twelve months. Approximately 205 copies of each issue were mailed to members, corporate members, selected community leaders and exchanges with other societies and libraries. This year's total cost for printing and mailing newsletters was \$958.89.

Committee members include Mae Cox, Ralph Wilson, and Jo Mustoe.

Research and **Publications Committee**

Evelyn Parker, Chair

Jean McCracken presented the report for Evelyn Parker, who is recovering from surgery after a shoulder injury. Almost all query research is now initiated by e-mail requests. We received \$618.00 for query research in 2006-2007.

Publication income this year totaled \$451.15, including \$37.00 for cemetery books, \$330.70 for other CCGS publications, and \$83.45 for consignment books. (Half of the \$83.45 is obligated to the consignors.)

The Green School Project, discovered by Lisa Sheppard several years ago, and now administered by Jean McCracken, collects ink and toner cartridges from printers and copiers. Green School provides prepaid containers for shipping. They pay us for those that can be reused and recycle all others. We received \$354.86 from Green School during our 2006-2007 society year.

When we started the project we thought it would be great if we received enough money each year to pay for the cartridges used in the library printers. Now several members are bringing in the large toner cartridges and we are definitely doing much better than that.

Just keep those ink and toner cartridges coming!

Evelyn recently completed a new survey of Warren Cemetery and published an updated book for that cemetery.



Jo Mustoe presents Ralph Wilson with a certificate of appreciation for his service to CCGS. Photo by Mae D. Cox

President's Mes

During the past year there have been a number of events labeled as Centennial events, marking the one hundred years since Oklahoma became a state. In the next few months, there will be even more activities celebrating this great historical occasion. We hope you and your family will find a way to join in some of the festivities.

One hundred years ago, state residents were encouraged to be in Guthrie for the events of Statehood day. Trains were routed into Guthrie in the morning and back to the communities again in late afternoon. Norman residents were urged to join the train ride to accompany the University Band. After the proclamation, mock wedding, and Governor Haskell's speech, the crowd was treated to barbecue at Electric Park before the trains transported celebrants back to their home towns.

In the newspapers leading up to Statehood Day, the concerns of the public were clearly focused on the issue of the change from a wet Territory to a dry State. The average citizen wanted to know exactly what time the last saloon would close for the last time.

This fall, in our library, we will display our collection of Oklahoma history textbooks. You may find the book you studied in your high school days. Or perhaps you will want to check some details of early Oklahoma history as you explore your Oklahoma heritage.

New CCGS Board Takes Oath

Ralph Wilson, past president of CCGS, swore in the CCGS Board Members for 2007-2008. They are, left to right: Ralph Wilson, Mae D. Cox, Member at Large; Jimmy Baker, Treasurer; Mary Lewis, Member at Large, Jo Mustoe, President; Beth Bulmer, First Vice President; Sarah Pool, Second Vice President, and Frank Appl, Member at Large. Not pictured is Mary Sue Schnell, Secretary, and Alan Montgomery, Past President. Photo by Velma Appl

Workshops



Ozarks Genealogical Society Fall Conference Hidden Treasures • September 7-8, 2007 University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri http://ozarksgs.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/05/ 2007conferenceflyer.pdf

Oklahoma Genealogical Society Skill Building Workshop • October 6, 2007 Oklahoma History Center • Oklahoma City OK http://www.okgensoc.org/special-events.htm

Tulsa Genealogical Society 19th TGS Annual Workshop • October 5-6, 2007 Hank Jones, Jr., FASG • John Knox Presbyterian Church 2929 East 31st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma http://www.tulsagenealogy.org/workshop.asp

Gregath Publishing Co. • Genealogy in the Woods October 19, 20, 21, 2007 Sky Ranch at Cave Springs (northeast Oklahoma) Fredea Cook 918-542-4148 or http://www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2007/

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Fall 2007 Conference • Saturday, October 20, 2007 Illinois: The Way West Tracing Your Migrating Ancestors Tony Burroughs and others Waterford Banquet & Conference Center Elmhurst, IL • 630-279-0270 http://www.rootsweb.ocm/%7Eilsgs/fallconf/ 2007falconf.html

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States • May 14-17, 2008 Show Me The Nation's Records Kansas City, Missouri • 1-800-473-0060 www.ngsgenealogy.org/annualconference.cfm



Library Activity Report

The CCGS Library saw 454 visitors during the first six months of 2007. Of these, twenty-nine were first-time researchers. In addition to local traffic (Cleveland and surrounding counties), we had people from California, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin, as well as from Okmulgee and Tulsa in Oklahoma.

Norman Public Library

A new group, Citizens for a New Norman Public Library, co-chaired by city council member Rachel Butler, has initiated a series of meetings to continue planning for a new city library. The first meeting was held Sunday, July 1. Architect Jeff Scherer led this meeting and will return to Norman for two future meetings.

These meetings are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, August 26, and Sunday, October 14, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

We encourage members to attend these meetings to provide your input regarding library facilities and services in Norman.

CCGS Special Interest Groups

Two special interest groups operate under the auspices of Cleveland County Genealogical Society.

The Computer Users Group meets monthly in the computer lab at the Norman Public Library. The date is announced monthly, as we have to work around other library activities scheduled in the lab. Focus is on use of computer technology in

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genealogy, including programs such as The Master Genealogist and Photoshop. A question and answer time is part of each meeting.

The Family History Writers Group meets the second Wednesday monthly, at 10 a.m. in the CCGS Library. Focus is on recording memories and experiences in our daily lives, as well as recording what we know or have learned about our ancestors. Participants read their writing aloud and get feedback from the group.

Anyone who is interested in either activity is welcome to attend.

Deaths

Several members of our CCGS family have recently died.

Joyce Grisham, a long-time member, former CCGS president, and previous editor of the CCGS Newsletter (with her sister, Sue Wilson), died May 19 in Norman.

Sarah Pool's son, Samuel Osborn, died May 23 in Indiana.

Shirley Frances McCalla Calkins, mother-in-law of CCGS treasurer Jimmy Baker, died June 29 in Norman.

Gerald E. Ruffin, a former member and one-time president of CCGS died May 18 in Norman.

CCGS

Calendar of Events

Society Meetings

Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. CSBI Classroom near CCGS Library

September 18: Fall Social

Bring snacks

October 16: Rita Broyles,

Revolutionary War Re-enactor November 20: To be announced

December 18: Christmas Social

Bring snacks

Board Meetings

Second Monday 1:00 p.m. **CCGS Library**

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10

Family History Writers Group

Second Wednesday each month 10:00 a.m. in CCGS Library

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

Genealogy Computer Users Group

10:00 a.m. in Computer Room, Norman Public Library

Dates to be announced

Oklahoma County Clerk's Web Site

The Oklahoma County Clerk's office has Oklahoma County land records from 1890 to the present available online at www.countyclerk.oklahomacounty.org. On this web site, one can search for documents related to property interests, such as deeds, mortgages, liens and mineral rights. Users must log-in and create an account. It is helpful to read the "Tips to Facilitate Your Searches" before conducting a search. Your search will yield a list of results. Selecting a document will show general information about the document on file, such as document type, filing date, book and page number. Click on the icon next to the number to view the document image. It is also possible to print the document. More specific information about using this Web site can be found in Sharon Burns' column on July 5, 2007 in the Daily Oklahoman.

100 Years Ago



Newspaper Abstracts

Norman Democrat-Topic • Friday, September 6, 1907 (Editor's Note: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed.)

Elm Creek

A. E. Parr is spending a month at Sterling City, California.

Ethel and Myrtle Cohee are attending the singing school at Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Foster are the proud parents of an eleven pound girl.

Mr. Ed Ogle and Miss Willie Lassiter were united in marriage at Norman last Sunday. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. W. R. Lassiter. The groom is a popular school teacher. They left Sunday night for their home at Binger, Oklahoma.

Mr. C. H. Ivie and Miss Bessie Wynne were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wynne on the second Sunday in August. The bride is a charming and popular young lady. The groom is a prosperous young farmer.

Local News

Mrs. Robt. May and baby returned to Lindsay Saturday.

J. F. Norman has moved his office in rooms over the post office.

County Attorney A. Nicodemus went to Stella Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Furray returned last week from Portales, New Mexico.

Miss Eva Blake began school northwest of Moore Monday morning.

Miss Nina Davis went to Guthrie Monday to attend St. Joseph's school.

Second hand school books wanted immediately at Kingkade's Book Store.

Miss Minnie Edwards went to Lexington Friday where she began teaching on Monday.

Mrs. Robt. McMurray of St. Joe, Texas arrived Friday to visit her brother, Thos. Stout and family.

Ben F. Wilson of Canadian county, democratic nominee for floater, was here Monday in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Wilson's district comprises Cleveland, Canadian and Caddo counties.

L. B. Higbee of 6-1-east is attending the fair.

D. L. Powell, a prominent farmer of Lexington township, was here Tuesday on business.

Jay Sherman, republican nominee for sheriff, was here Monday interviewing the voters.

Uncle Geo. Clark who resides northeast of Norman was here Tuesday with farm products for the fair exhibit.

Will Kendall was here from Moore Tuesday visiting his many friends. He returned from England in August where he graduated from Oxford University after a three years course. Mr. Kendall will engage in the practice of law at some city in the new state.

Moore

Dr. C. P. Kelley preached at Pleasant Valley Sunday.

W. G. Jury of Oklahoma City has moved on his farm in Moore.

Mrs. Crick who lived two miles north of Antioch after a long siege of bad health passed peacefully away last Monday morning August 26. Mrs. Crick was born in Tennessee and with her husband came to Oklahoma at the time the territory was opened for settlement. . . . she leaves one daughter, Miss Eunice, who in this hour of great bereavement has the most tender sympathies of the entire community. Memorial services were conducted at the residence by Dr. C. P. Kelley and the body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Norman by the side of her husband who had passed on before her two years ago.

Prof. E. L. Ogle of Chattanooga, Oklahoma, and Miss Willie R. Lassiter were united in marriage at Norman Sunday, August 25. Arrangements had been made by the family for the couple to be married at the residence of the bride but the plans had been kept such a secret that the minister who had an appointment at the Robertson school house had not been notified that a wedding party was awaiting him after the services were over an as the preacher failed to meet his appointment the happy couple was slightly disappointed and was compelled to drive to Norman in order to have the contract closed in legal

Prof. Ogle was formerly one of Cleveland county's most successful school teachers and his fair bride having grown to womanhood in this county has a host of friends who wish them a prosperous and happy married life. They departed for Chattanooga Sunday evening where they will make their home.

John A. Fox injured

John A. Fox, democratic nominee for county commissioner, is hobbling around on crutches this week as a result of a horse stepping on his foot last Friday. The foot was so badly injured that it required the services of a doctor. Mr. Fox hopes to be able to walk without crutches in a couple of weeks.

Noble

Mrs. Nora Neece of Oklahoma City spent Sunday with relatives in Noble.

There will be a temperance lecture at the Methodist church on Saturday night. Everybody invited.

Prov. Womack is here this week in the interest of securing a singing class. Mr. Womack is a musician of rare talent and thoroughly understands his business.

Franklin

Mr. Frank Ahrens is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoshall, Rev. and Mrs. Davis, Jas. Dunn, F. B. Smith, and Prof. McLauchlin attended an ice cream supper at Union Grove Tuesday evening.

Mr. Frank Patterson is hauling material for his new residence.

Union Point

A number of Adairites attended church Sunday night at the Falls.

C. H. Taylor and family will leave Sunday for Galveston, Texas.

. Miss Junia Fox and May Clarke dined Sunday with Mrs. Graves and daughter Emma.

Miss Junia Fox of Norman delivered a temperance lecture to a large crowd here Sunday afternoon.

Boston

Misses Hallie and Maxey from Earlsboro, Seminole nation, are visiting Mrs. James Thornton this week.

Miss Ethel Rayburn and her brother Luther have gone to Texas on a visit. They will be gone two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knowles will leave Wednesday for Western Oklahoma to look at land in several different parts of that country.

Some of the Schwartz and Boston people attended the picnic at Stowe grove near Oklahoma City. All report a fine time.

Marriage License Issued

Geo. F. Tate, 32, Oklahoma City, and Emma Carter, 19, Oklahoma City.

W. E. Smeltzer, 44, Kansas City, Missouri, and A. E. Morrison, 32, Oklahoma City.

Florence Carter, 32, New Castle, and Gertrude Moore, 17, New Castle.

A. R. Clement, 26, Norman, and Elva Neaves, 22, Norman.

Fred Wickoff, 20, Davison, I. T., and Ethel Summers, 19, Norman.

Norman Democrat-Topic

Friday, September 13, 1907

696 Voters Registered City Clerk A. R. Clement closed the registration books at 9 o'clock last Friday night, which was a day earlier

than was expected owing to the attorney-general's ruling.

There were 696 voters registered, divided as follows: West Norman 181, precinct one 244, precinct two 170.

There were at least a half dozen persons who wanted to register on Saturday who will be shut out from voting because they were in town and had the opportunity. There will be several votes sworn in as the parties were out of town and were unable to register.

Population 18,460

The census returns given out by W. C. Hunt on Wednesday gives Cleveland county a population of 18,460. This is an increase of nearly 2,000 over the last census taken by the county.

Norman Democrat-Topic Friday, September 20, 1907 A DEMOCRATIC LANDSLIDE

Haskell Wins by 35,000 — The Constitution Carries by 75,000

The People Win a Great Victory

Cleveland County Gives Haskell 676 Over Franz, and the Democratic Nominees' Majorities will run From Five Hundred to One Thousand

The election in Cleveland county passed off quietly. Every precinct polled nearly the full vote. The total vote in the county will reach nearly 3,400. The democrats have elected all county officers by majorities ranging from 500 to 800.

The democrats elected all the township officers.

We were unable to get the entire vote for all the precincts but will

Readers are reminded that Oklahoma's vote to approve its constitution was set for Tuesday, September 17, 1907.

Also on this date the electorate selected those who would serve in the new state offices, as well as county and local offices. The ballots were lengthy, not only because so many officials were being elected in a single election, but also because four political parties were fielding candidates for some offices.

complete the precinct vote in next week's issue.

The vote below, while unofficial, is nearly correct.

Haskell's majority over Frantz is 675.

Prohibition wins by 917 majority and the constitution by 1464.

Noble

Mrs. Ed Garee was shopping in Norman Monday.

Robert Stogner spent Tuesday in Noble and saw the election come off O.K.

Miss Eva Wise spent Tuesday night in Noble with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Robb.

Mrs. M. A. Jolly is spending the week in Purcell with her daughter, Mrs. Daisy Payne.

Mrs. Etta Martin and Mrs. Dora Harvel spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dufran.

Family Reunion

The Denison family is holding a family reunion at their home west of the University this week. Those present are: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox and Mrs. Brown of California, who arrived Tuesday from a visit in Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. John Denison and Ed Denison of Bramer. Missouri, who arrived Wednesday. Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Brown, John and Ed Denison are sisters and brothers of J. F. Denison.

Military Funeral Services and Honor Guards

Why is the flag folded that way? Why the 21-gun salute?

By Mae D. Cox

For years I've wondered what the various parts of a military funeral meant. The flag-draped coffin. The folding of the flag, and its presentation. The slowmotion salute. The 21-gun salute. The bugler playing Taps. All those carefully practiced steps and maneuvers done by a cadre of uniformed personnel.

After the elaborate and emotional graveside services for cousin William W. Upchurch — a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel — I decided to research just what each part of the ceremony means.

The internet provides a plethora of information detailing each step or part of a military funeral. The following is derived from those bits and pieces.

Military Funeral Honors

The military has always provided honors whenever possible. However, the law now mandates the rendering of Military Funeral Honors for an eligible veteran if requested by the family. As provided by law, an honor guard detail for the burial of an eligible veteran shall consist of not less than two members of the Armed Forces. One member of the detail shall be a representative of the parent Service of the deceased veteran.

The honor detail performs a ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the American flag to the next of kin and the playing of Taps by a bugler, if one is available, or by electronic recording.

The most distinctive aspects of a military funeral the folding and presentation of the flag, the rifle salute, and playing of Taps — occur at the gravesite.

Flag-Draped coffin

The custom of covering a fallen serviceman's casket dates to the Napoleonic Wars in Europe. In today's society, the portion of the U.S. flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform.

The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform. The flag is placed with the union of white stars on the blue field at the head and over the left shoulder.

Flag-Folding Cememony

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag thirteen times? I figured that was to represent the thirteen colonies, but found out each distinctive fold has a specific meaning.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

The thirteenth fold, when the flag is completely folded and tucked in, the stars are upper-most, reminding us of our national motto, In God We Trust.

The folded, triangular-shaped flag has now taken on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

The honor-detail leader then presents the flag to the deceased's next-of-kin, and performs a slow salute that lasts about 20 or 30 seconds.

21-Gun Salute.

Military salutes date back to the 14th Century when warships fired seven-gun salutes. The number seven was most likely selected because of its astrological and Biblical significance. Seven planets had been identified and the phases of the moon changed every seven days. The Bible states that God rested on the seventh day after Creation.

The cannons could fire only once as discharging rendered them ineffective. On land, the militias and land batteries had a greater supply of gunpowder, and could fire three guns for every shot fired afloat. Hence the salute by shore batteries was 21 guns.

Eventually, the 21-gun salute became the highest honor a nation rendered. Customs varied among maritime powers leading to confusion in saluting and returning salutes. Great Britain was the world's preeminent seapower in the 18th and 19th centuries, and commanded weaker nations to salute first. In time, the international salute was established at 21 guns, although the United States did not agree on this procedure until August 1875.

The United States' gun salute system changed considerably over the years. In 1810, the war

department defined our national salute to be equal to the number of states in the Union—at that time 17. U.S. military installations fired the salute at 1:00 p.m. (later at noon) on Independence Day. A salute equal to the number of states was fired anytime the President visited a military installation.

The Presidential salute was formally established, in 1842, to be 21 guns. In 1890, regulations designated the national salute as 21 guns. The traditional Independence Day salute, the Salute to the Union, was also changed making the number of shots fired equal to the number of states.

Today, the national salute of 21 guns is fired in honor of a national flag, the sovereign or chief of state of a foreign nation, a member of a reigning royal family, and the President, ex-President and Presidentelect of the United States. It is also fired at noon of the day of the funeral of a President, ex-President, or President-elect. Additionally, fifty guns are fired on all military installations equipped to do so at the close of the day of the funeral of a President, ex-President, or President-elect.

Gun salutes are also fired in honor at funerals for active or retired members of our Armed Forces. The number of guns is based on each person's protocol rank. These salutes are always in odd numbers. My cousin's rank of Lieutenant Colonel merited the full 21-gun salute with seven corpsmen firing three distinctive volleys.

Bugler Plays Taps

The military service concludes with a bugler playing Taps. This beautiful and solemn melody gives the service a dignified and emotional closing at the gravesite.

The only distinctively American aspect of the funeral ceremony, Taps, was written in 1862 by the Union Army's Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield to be played at the end of the day and officially adopted by the U.S. Army in 1874.

The song was first used for a funeral in 1862 by soldiers of the Union's 2nd Artillery who were afraid the traditional rifle shots would give away their position.

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PACKET No.	Name	FILING DATE	DATE OF DEATH	WILL	Heirs and Other Information
702	Wood, Mary C.	09 Sep 1924	28 Aug 1924		Died in Long Beach, CA
UN	Wood, Robert W.	27 Sep 1893	22 Aug 1893		File Incomplete; Heir: James A. Wood
418	Woodard, Commodore P.	24 Jun 1916	14 Jun 1916		Daus: Ina Belle & Ester Woodard Nephew & Adm: Denver Runyan
63	Woodring, Charles	27 Jul 1901	07 Jun 1901		Widow: Sarah A. Woodring (decd) Adm: John A. Woodring
61	Woodring, Charles L.	10 Jul 1902	16 Oct 1901		Widow: N. E. Bohannan; Chn: Arlesa (25) & Emalisa. Kennedy (22), Shirley (21), Emory (16) & Raymond Woodring (5)
757	Woodring, David C.	02 Sep 1925	24 Aug 1925		Son & Adm: C. F. Woodring
830	Woodring, J. E.	03 Apr 1954	1926		Final Accounting; Widow & Adm: Ella Woodring
662	Woodring, John A.	16 Apr 1923	22 Mar 1923		Widow & Adm: M. A. Woodring; Son: Otto Woodring Daus: Dolly Ethridge & Allie N. Dragoo Grsons: Willie & Hester Woodring & Ramond McNeill. Grdaus: Victoria & Oleta Woodring & Geraldine McNeill
884	Woodring, Otto	31 May 1927	12 May 1927		Widow & Adm: Armetta Woodring Minors: Elmer, Avis, Blanche & Frances
22	Woodring, R. P.	21 Mar 1900	05 Mar 1900		Parents: Charles & Sarah Woodring
UN	Woodring, R. P.	10 Apr 1900			File Incomplete; Adm: C. B. Woodring
723	Woodrow, Andrew A.	02 Feb 1925	28 Feb 1923		Widow: Josie M. Sellers; Chn: Mabel Knight, Thomas & Leon Woodrow
709	Woodrow, G. C.	30 Oct 1924	11 Oct 1924		Widow: Lucy A. Woodrow
558 883	Woodrow, Harry R. Woodrow, Harry R.	18 Oct 1920 27 May 1927	09 Oct 1918 09 Oct 1918		Died at Camp Nike, AR; Adm: G. C. Woodrow Died in Camp Pike, AR; Bros: E. C., G. T., A. F., H. H. & Ralph F. Woodrow Sis: Gertie Akin & Hattie Witt
882	Woodrow, Lucy Ann	27 May 1927	27 Jan 1927	Y	Son: E. C. Woodrow
689	Wright, D. H.	18 Apr 1924	11 Jun 1923		Widow: Suella Wright (62); Chn: Sallie (36), Flora (30), Harley (28), Mary (25), Hazel (23) & Mildred Wright (18)
620	Wright, Margaret B.	08 Apr 1922	06 Apr 1922	Y	Niece: Pearl Adams
488	Wright, William G.	10 Jan 1919	28 Dec 1918		Sons: Charles & Major Wright
828	Wynne, E. W.	26 Nov 1926	05 Sep 1926		Widow & Adm: Ida M. Wynne

Editor's Note: Information given on each record includes the packet number, name, filing date, date of death, will heirs, and other information. Many of these cases contain a great deal of information concerning relationships of heirs, guardianships, property descriptions, assets, liabilities, and debts due. Copies of each probate packet are available from CCGS.

PACKET No.	Nаме	FILING DATE	DATE OF DEATH WILL	Heirs and Other Information
495	Yandell, S. D.	19 Mar 1919	07 Jul 1909	Widow & Adm: R. J. Yandell Heirs: H. T., W. H., S. D., W. W., C.C. & Westly Yandell, Sidney Ridge, Zoo Morgan, S. H. Sharp & Minnie Bennett
179	Yeary, Napoleon B.	09 Apr 1907	12 Feb 1899	Son & Adm: M. C. Yeary
. 487	York, A. M.	29 Nov 1918	02 Nov 1918	Widow & Adm: Laura York Sons: Allen, Dee & Melvin York Daus: Ethel, Amy, Zetta & Bessie York
939	Young, John A.	03 Jul 1928	15 Oct 1911	Widow: Deborah Young Daus: Verba May Meador, Daisy Ethel Biddle, Beula Faye Young & Gladys Irene Shelton
569	Young, W. M.	15 Feb 1921	15 Aug 1920	Widow: Annie Young
3-L 3				Restricted
5-L 5				Restricted
21-L 42				Restricted
13-L 43				File Missing Minors: George D. & Gertrude Henry
L 44				File Missing
48-L 48				Restricted
73-L 73				Restricted
94-L 94			,	Restricted
111-L 111				Restricted
UN-G		17 Aug 1898		Minor: Lizzie Walton No Living Relative-Gdn: M. H. Goss
UN-G		31 Mar 1893		May (14), Maggie (5) & Josephine Copaugh (3) Parents: Elizabeth & Joseph Copaugh
UN-G		13 Jun 1900		Maudy Perriman (11) Guardian: D. W. Duke
UN-G		01 Jan 1922		Blackwell Minors Guardian: O. F. Wilkerson

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